

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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Service

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USDA ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase all purpose egg mix for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited from the trade for all purpose egg mix in one or more of the following forms:

Pouches (076048) – All purpose egg mix packaged in plastic laminated foil pouches, 6 ounces (170 g) to each pouch and 18 pounds (8.16 kg) net in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 2,000 shipping containers (forty-eight 6-ounce (170-g) pouches each) totaling 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg) net weight.

Polyethylene Bags (076010) – All purpose egg mix packaged in polyethylene bags, 10 pounds (4.54 kg) to each bag and 40 pounds (18.14 kg) net in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,000 shipping containers (four 10-pound (4.54-kg) polyethylene bags each) totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg) net weight.

Purchases of all purpose egg mix are in response to the April 16 announcement by the Department to purchase egg products. This purchase will provide a nutritious product for participants in domestic feeding programs and also provide some assistance for producers who have faced difficult economic times.

Invitation No. 1 inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, June 3, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, June 7, for delivery from July 16 to July 31. Subsequent invitations will be issued inviting offers due the first and third Monday of each month.

As stated in the September 21 Notice to the Trade, all offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted on and after October 1, 2001, by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

As with last year's program, certifications, representations, and warranties will be made annually and are contained in Appendix-1. The certifications will be made one time only for all Poultry Program Announcements for the program year. Certifications must be received by the

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Contracting Officer prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding these requirements is contained in Announcement PY-260, which is being distributed to the trade. Offerors are urged to review the bid format and product specification and are cautioned to only offer quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver during the contracted delivery period.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-260, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for All Purpose Egg Mix dated April 1998, as amended, and Invitation No. 1.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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